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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. BY SEPTTEL, I AM REPORTING MY MEETING WITH FONMIN THIS MORNING. AT APPROX 1700 THIS AFTERNOON BERHANE DERESSA, AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, MOFA, CALLED ME TO ASK WHETHER I HAD SENT A REPORT TO WASHINGTON OF THE MEETING AS YET. WHEN I TOLD HIM IT HAD NOT GONE OUT YET, HE REPLIED "GOOD," WOULD I PLEASE HOLD IT, THEN SAID HE WAS CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS MINISTER. DESPITE FACT THAT HE COULD NOT TELL ME HOW LONG I SHOULD WAIT, I AGREED TO DO SO, SINCE I FELT I HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO SAY I WOULD HONOR HIS REQUEST.

2. I MUST ASK THEREFORE THAT FACT I HAVE ACTUALLY SENT REPORTING TELEGRAM BE VERY CLOSELY HELD. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING IN WHAT WAS SAID THAT, ON SECOND THOUGHT OR AS A RESULT OF MY REPLIES (NONE OF WHICH EXCEPT SECRETARY'S JULY 29 STATEMENT WAS NEW TO THEM), ETHIOPIANS DO NOT WANT TRANSMITTED TO DEPT AT LEAST IN FORM OR SUBSTANCE THAT WAS CONVEYED TO ME. ACCORDINGLY, ANY REFERENCE AT ALL TO THIS MORNING'S MEETING, OR AT LEAST TO SUBSTANCE, THAT COULD IN ANY WAY BE PLAYED BACK TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ETHIOPIANS, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES, COULD MAKE LIFE MOST DIFFICULT FOR US HERE. SINCE I HAD ALREADY FILLED IN BRITISH CHARGE OF SUBSTANCE OF MEETING IN ANTICIPATION OF HIS OWN MEETING WITH FONMIN, I WILL ASK HIS COOPERATION AS WELL.
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